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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Timothy L Rude

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**  
**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2000.
- 2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                      2b)  This action is non-final.
- 3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4)  Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6)  Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10)  The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2000 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11)  The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a)  approved b)  disapproved by the Examiner.
 

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some \*    c)  None of:
    - 1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    - 2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6)  Other:

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

1. Figures 1-4 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

New formal drawings are required in this application because 15 in Figures 5 and 7, appears as a blackened polarizer, 12, (not enabled) rather than a black coating on the polarizer or a black film printed on the polarizer (both enabled). Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

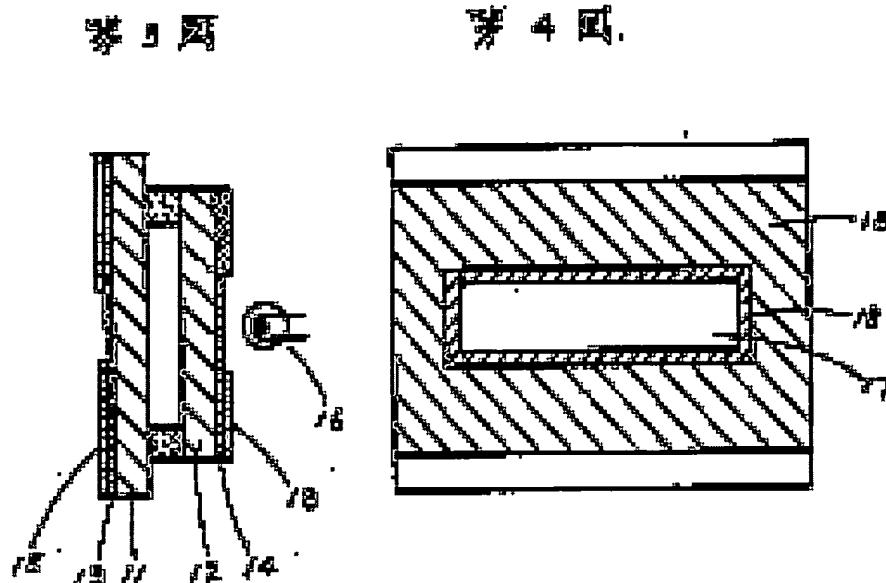
The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugimoto et al (Sugimoto) JP 59-154424 A.

As to claims 1 and 4, Sugimoto teaches in Drawings 3 and 4 (Purpose and Constitution), a liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising: an upper polarizer, 13; an upper substrate under the upper polarizer, 11; a liquid crystal layer under the upper substrate (between substrates); a lower substrate, 12, under the liquid crystal layer; a lower polarizer, 14, under the lower substrate, the lower polarizer including at least one reflecting layer, 18, (Applicant's light shielding film) in a peripheral portion, formed in the four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer (as illustrated in drawing 4); and a backlight device, 16, positioned under the lower polarizer (see also Drawings 5 and 6).



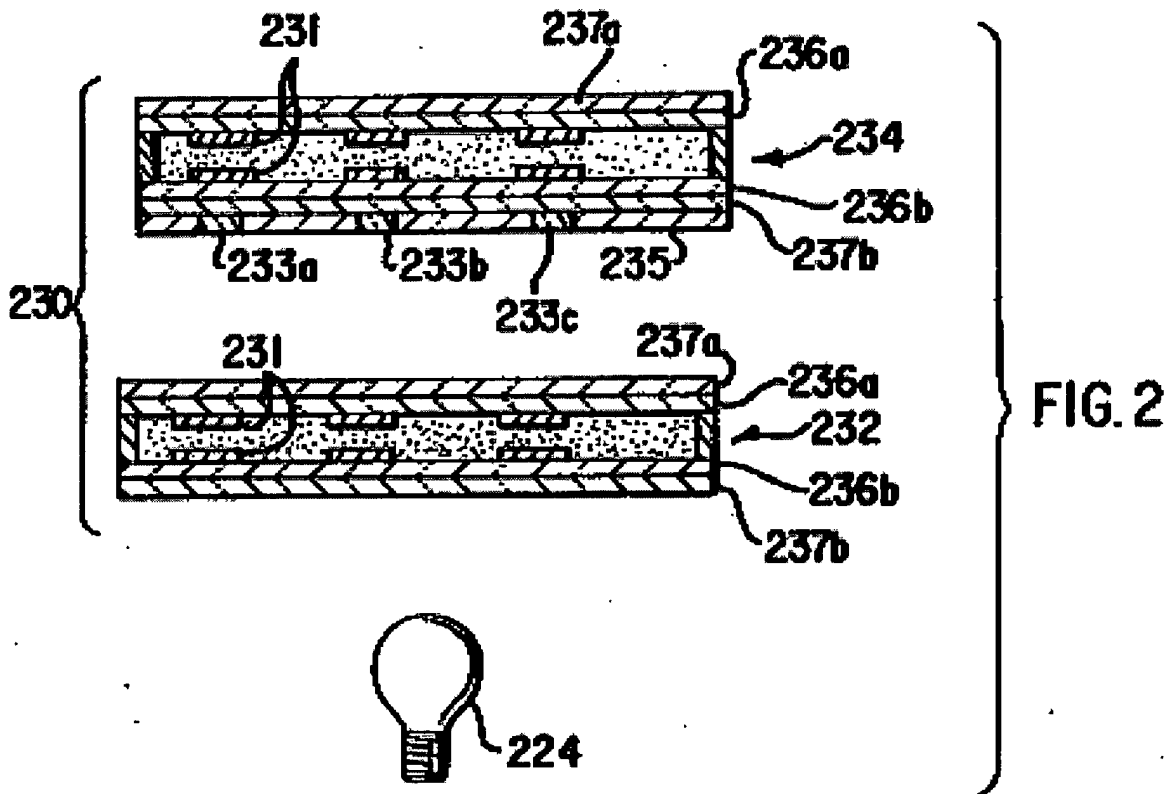
Sugimoto also teaches the use of a reflecting layer, 18, (Applicant's light shielding film) formed on the rear side of the polarizing plate, 14, by vapor depositing metal to form a coating, printing with ink or other method (Constitution).

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dingwall et al (Dingwall) USPAT 5,307,188.

As to claims 1, 4, and 5, Dingwall teaches in Figures 2 and 3 (col. 5, lines 33-40 and col. 7, line 60 through col. 8 line 28), a liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising: an upper polarizer, 237a; an upper substrate under the upper polarizer, 236a; a liquid crystal layer under the upper substrate (between substrates); a lower substrate, 236b, under the liquid crystal layer; a lower polarizer, 237b, under the lower substrate, the lower polarizer including at least one opaque surround or black mask,

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235, (Applicant's light shielding film) in a peripheral portion, formed in the four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer (as illustrated in Figure 3); and a backlight device, 224, positioned under the lower polarizer (see also Figure 4).



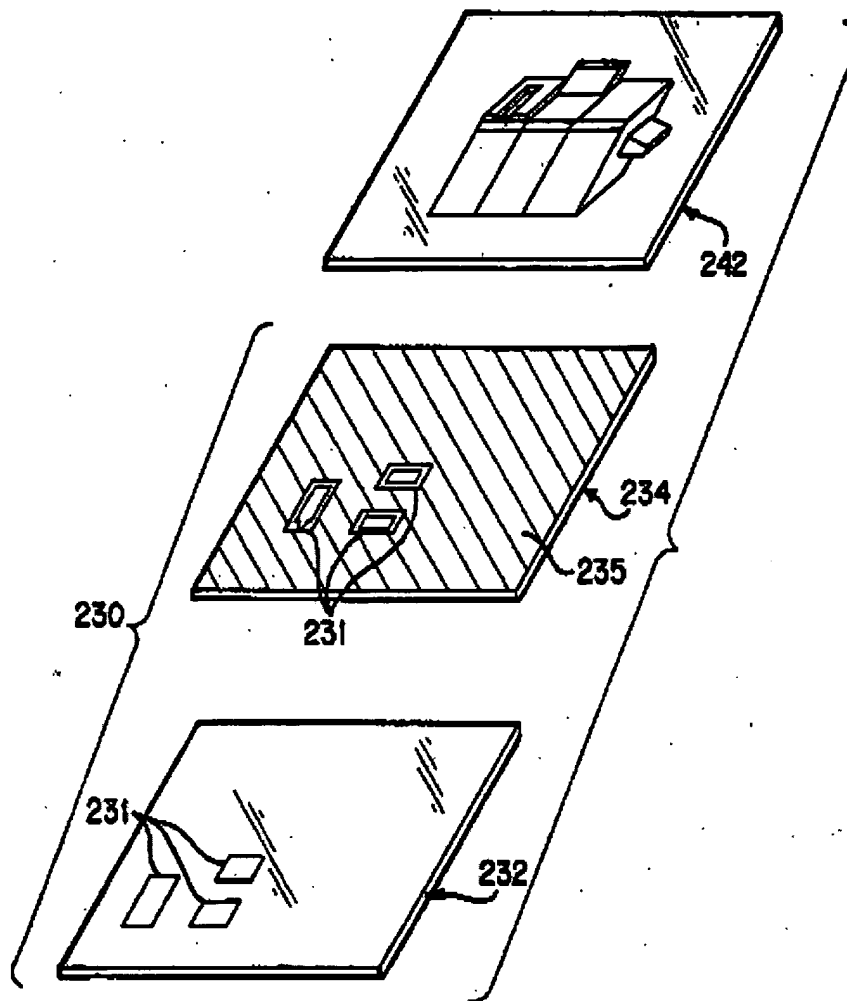


FIG. 3

As to claims 2 and 3, Dingwall teaches (col. 8, lines 11-28) a liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 1, wherein the at least one opaque surround or black mask, 235, (Applicant's light shielding film) is formed by a photographic process, by offset lithography (Applicant's coating), or by screen printing (Applicant's printing) black mask materials that absorb the light (col. 8, lines 29-33).



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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L Rude whose telephone number is (703) 305-0418. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William L Sikes can be reached on (703) 308-4842. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7724 for regular communications and (703) 308-7725 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4900.



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April 30, 2002



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